

Minutes of the meeting of Silverton Parish Council
held Monday 3rd July 2023 at 7.30 p.m. in the Silverton Community Hall

Present: Cllr S Cross (Chair), O Kennard, V Maylan, J Wright, E Trebble & S Hedges

Minute 113733 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies had been received from the Clerk who was recovering from a recent operation, County Cllr M Squires & District Cllr R Roberts

Minute 1137134 **To note any Declarations of Interest**

(a) To declare any personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature

None

(b) To declare any prejudicial interests in items on the agenda and their nature (Councillors with prejudicial interests must leave the room for the relevant items)

None

Minute 113735 **Meeting open to any questions from members of the public – 10 mins**

Mr Wise asked that the war memorial be cleaned as it was looking rather dirty. The Chairman said she thought the Royal British Legion maintained it but would look into who was responsible.

The potential Silverdale development site where storm water run-off was going to be allowed to enter the sewage system should be challenged. Sewage dilution meant it could end up in water courses during heavy rain. Cllr Wright said that it is difficult to change this ruling once SWW has agreed to it. He suggested Mr Wise contacted his MP.

Mr Wise asked why minor roads, which were lightly used, were being extensively surveyed and repaired rather than the more major roads. Cllr Maylan said a meeting with County Councillor Squires and the Highways representative was being re-scheduled from last week and this would be discussed.

Mr Wise congratulated the Chairman on effectively dealing with the error in the SPC accounts highlighted in June. The Chairman thanked him for his comments.

Minute 113736 **Minutes of the Meeting held on the 5th June 2023**

The Chair proposed the Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th June 2023 be accepted as a true and accurate record. Cllr Maylan seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with four in favour and one abstention.

Minute 113737 **Review of Action Plan**

Item 2 - Review of Banking System - The application papers had now been completed and were signed at the meeting. The Clerk will deliver them to the Bank.

Item 3 - Consider S106 projects - The Chairman said there was a sum of money available for use in the Little Rec.

Item 5 – Future Use of Old Fire Station - There had been no response yet to the Notice to Quit served on the Scouts, which expires on 1st September. The current available space will be used for storage of community assets.

Item 11- Signage on Old Fire Station - Cllr Wright is exploring historical information and how best to display this to the public on a sign.

Item 12 – Skatepark – Quotation accepted and awaiting repairs to be carried out.

Item 13 – Trees on the Bury – Quotation from Highline accepted and awaiting work to be carried out.

Item 14 - Councillor recruitment – On agenda for September.

Item 15 - Commemorative seat gifted by WI - this has now been bought and is awaiting instalment after the Street party.

Item 16 – Condition of School Road – This should read Park Road, not School Road. Clerk to correct on Action Plan.

Item 17 - Ukraine flag – In progress.

Item 18 – SPC Banner - Ongoing

Item 20 – Reduction in grass cutting – Contractor contacted. Remove item from Action Plan.

Item 22 - Amendments to policies – deferred till May 2024 meeting when all policies are reviewed.

Cllr Hedges proposed the Action Plan be altered for clarity –

- i. Add the date an item is updated to the prefix.
- ii. Remove the 'by when' column which is not used.

Cllr Maylan seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all present in favour.

Minute 113738 **Discussion with on any relevant issues with District Cllr J Wright**

Cllr Wright reported that there is a lot of work is being done on budget analysis. The District Council is investigating options in relation to the 3 Rivers company. The new 3-2-1 system of waste collection has resulted in a 9% increase in recycling since it was instigated last year.

Minute 113739 **Planning**

Applications:

23/00923/FULL – Retention of dwelling not built in accordance with planning permission
20/02133/FULL – Burn View, Butterleigh, Cullompton

Cllr Hedges proposed supporting the above application. Cllr Maylan seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 4 in favour and Cllr Wright did not vote.

23/00937/FULL – Erection of 3 dwellings following demolition of barns utilising the Class Q fallback position – Land and buildings at NGR295628 103382 Silverdale, Silverton

Cllr Hedges proposed supporting the above application. Cllr Kennard seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with 4 in favour and Cllr Wright did not vote.

(b) Approvals / Refusals by MDDC

Listed Building Consent to replace 2 windows and repair/replace door on rear elevation – 1 High Street, Silverton

(c) Any other Planning matters

None

Minute 113725 **Finances**

(a) Monthly invoices

Chq 002738 Mrs S Woodland – Clerk’s wages - £671.76
Chq 002739 Mr D Marsden – Contractor’s monthly invoice - £300.00
Chq 002740 HMRC – Quarter 1 – Clerk’s NI + Tax = £420.88
Chq 002741 Evolution Skate Parks Ltd – preventative maintenance inspection - £714.00
Chq 002742 Parsons Landscapes Limited – monthly grounds maintenance -£1,153.68

The Chairman proposed the above be agreed for payment. Cllr Maylan seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all Councillors present in favour.

(b) Other financial matters

(i) Update on Silverton Parish Council Banner
On agenda for next month.

(ii) To consider on-line cost of plaque re the late Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

Clerk had obtained a quote of £88.00 from Timpson. Cllr Maylan proposed changing the font to a more modern style. Cllr Wright requested that Cllr Maylan discuss this with the Clerk and Cllr Hedges. The Chairman proposed acceptance of the quotation with a 10% discretion subject to the change of font. Cllr Maylan seconded the proposal. A vote was taken with all Councillors present in favour.

(iii) Consider potential cost of vandal-proof paint for the roof of the Pergola in the Recreation Field

The cost of a 5lt tin of anti-climb paint was quoted at £55 for 5lts. Cllr Maylan is continuing to try and contact Rhinoplay to see if there are other options .

(iv) Improvements to Little Rec via S106 monies

The Chairman reported that there is £8500 in S106 money available for improvements to the Little Rec such as permeable matting or slabs in front of the Bookswop, which is urgent before the winter, and under benches. A water butt

under the Fire Station downpipes was also considered. Cllr Hedges suggested taking photos of structures put up at events so that more benches and picnic tables could be sited out of the way. Cllr Wright asked if the monies could be used to improve other recreational areas. The Chairman said amendments could only be made if original parties agreed. Further improvements are being considered.

Minute 113740 **Consider email from Simon Steer encouraging Parish Councils to let grass/wild flowers for the benefit of insects**

The contractors are in contract for the remainder of this year, and this will be considered again at the Budget meeting in 2024 when the contract is next discussed.

Minute 113741 **Neighbourhood Plan update**

Following his initial queries and comments, the Examiner has come back to the NP Committee and MDDC with further queries for clarification. Also, unfortunately, an old version of the Strategic Environmental Assessment carried out by AECOM was sent out with the Regulation 16 Consultation documents by MDDC and not the August/September 2023 version. Therefore Reg 16 Consultation has to be repeated. This will be started later this month and run for a further six weeks.

The Chairman and Councillors thanked the committee for their continuing hard work in bringing this to a conclusion.

Minute 113742 **July Mini-Market report**

Mr and Mrs Barrett who are currently members of the Committee of the Community Hall said that the solar panels had shown a 75% reduction in energy costs. A battery is to be installed to store excess energy, CCTV is being installed shortly and EV chargers are being considered. On behalf of the Council, Cllr Wright wished to thank Mr and Mrs Barrett, who are retiring from the Committee, for their years of service and hard work at the Hall.

A local resident discussed development issues.

A local resident spoke about the possibility of finding a space for further dog walking facilities, i.e. strategically placed benches and an open space somewhere close to the village for walking. Any offers of suitable land would be well received.

The rumours of a 500 housing development in the parish was a spoof.

Mrs Pryke again requested that slabs be put down in front of the Bookswop. She already has a donation offered for this and will into the options available and present to these to the Clerk for consideration as an Agenda item at a future date. The Council wished to express their appreciation of all the hard work Mrs Pryke puts in to the stocking and care of the Bookswop and looked forward to hearing proposals for its improvement.

Minute 113743 **Correspondence**

- (i) To note the appointment of Cllr Luke Taylor as the Leader and Cllr Frank Letch as Chairman of MDDC
- (ii) Email received re "Mid Devon Walking Festival 2024"

(iii) Email received from MDDC re launch of its state of the art Leisure Hub

Correspondence was noted

Minute 113744 **Matters brought forward by the Chairman**

Cllr Hedges asked why Silverton is not on the 20 is Plenty information webinar map as the parish council has requested these signs on countless occasions. Cllr Wright said he would enquire.

Cllr Hedges asked that his request that the seconding of proposals be dropped is put on the agenda for September.

The Chairman reminded members that **all** council related correspondence must go through the Clerk.

Meeting closed at 21.10 p.m.